

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Alonso et al.**)
 Application No. **09/787,016**)
 I.A. Filing Date: **10 September 1999**)
 Priority Date: **10 Septemeber 1998**)
 For: **Genes Encoding for the Human and Murine**)
Death Inducer-Obliterator-1)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

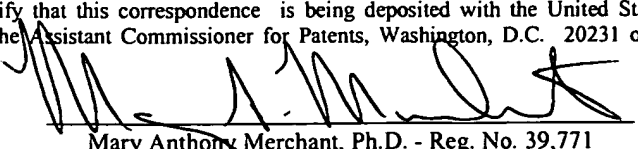
Sir:

Applicants herewith file a Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments.

Please cancel Claims 1-30 and add new Claims 31-61:

31. An isolated DNA comprising SEQ ID NO 1 and variants and alleles thereof that codes for expression of the human Death Inducer-Obliterator 1 (DIO-1) Gene.
32. The isolated DNA of Claim 31, wherein the DNA sequence is SEQ ID NO 1.
33. An isolated DNA the nucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO 3 and variants and alleles thereof that codes for expression of the murine Death Inducer-Obliterator 1 DIO-1 Gene.

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